

Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) to Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

(Minimum of 87 credits required)

The B.S.N. to Ph.D. program is an alternative pathway to the Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Nursing available for highly qualified Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates. The program is streamlined, allowing students to proceed to doctoral-level courses in theory research without taking the traditional master's-level courses in these areas.

Admission

All Ph.D. program admission requirements outlined previously are necessary with the exception of a master's degree with major in Nursing. A bachelor's degree in Nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is required. Transcripts must be sent to the University's Graduate College as described in the Ph.D. program's admission section.

The following are also required for admission to the B.S.N. to Ph.D. program:

1. GPA of 3.5 for the B.S.N. degree.
2. One reference letter from the baccalaureate program is required in addition to the others described in the Ph.D. program's admission section.
3. Scholarly product from coursework completed at the B.S.N. level.
4. All other Ph.D. admission requirements must be met.

Degree

The B.S.N. to Ph.D. program requires a minimum of 87 credits following the B.S.N. degree. One plan of study prepares students for an educator role. Other role preparation, such as a holistic focus, is possible but may require additional credits. The Nurse Practitioner concentration is not available to B.S.N. to Ph.D. students. Study plans will be developed with direction from the student's faculty mentor and the Ph.D. coordinator.

Requirements

Master Core Courses (24 credits)		
Advanced Health Assessment	NGR 6002	2
Advanced Health Assessment Lab	NGR 6002L	1
Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring	NGR 6110	3
Advanced Pathophysiology	NGR 6141	3
Creative Teaching-Learning Methods in Nursing Education	NGR 6711	3
Curriculum Evolution and Models in Nursing Education	NGR 6713	3
Evaluation in Nursing Education	NGR 6718	3
Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	NGR 6172	3
Quantitative Methods for Advancement of Health Sciences and Nursing Practice	NGR 6814	3
Doctoral Core Courses (39 credits)		
Evolution of Nursing as a Discipline and Practice	NGR 7111	3
Philosophies of Science Grounding Nursing	NGR 7115	3

Caring Science 1: An Essential Domain of Nursing Knowledge	NGR 7116	3
Caring Science 2: Developing Phenomena of Interest Within Research Focus Areas	NGR 7118	3
Caring Science 3: Innovative Methodologies to Student Caring Science	NGR 7119	3
Theory Development and Application in Nursing	NGR 7121	3
Qualitative Research Methods 1	NGR 7815	3
Mixed Methods in Practice-Based Research	NGR 7816	3
Advanced Nursing Research: Applied Quantitative Design and Methods	NGR 7818	3
Applied Advanced Statistics	NGR 7845	3
Essential Statistical Methods for Nursing Science	NGR 7846	3
Innovations in Inquiry	NGR 7853	3
Scholarship Practicum	NGR 7946	3
Doctoral Cognate Courses (Choose 3 credits with advisor)		
Doctoral Course. Elective may be selected but may result in additional credits		
Crafting the Life of Scholarship	NGR 7709	3
Doctoral Research Courses (18 credits; students may repeat any of these three courses)		
Doctoral Synthesis (Comps)	NGR 7978	1-3
Advanced Research	NGR 7979*	1-3
Dissertation	NGR 7980*	1-15
*Note: NGR 7979 and two NGR 7980 credits must total 15.		